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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: PINS, NU, PN

SUBJECT:THE SANDINISTA INCIDENT

1. CHARGE IS INSTRUCTED TO MEET WITH AN APPROPRIATE
LEVEL FOREIGN OFFICE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO MAKE
THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- USG IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE TERRORIST ASPECTS
OF THE RECENT SANDINISTA INCIDENT, ESPECIALLY WITH
REGARD TO WHAT MAY BE INTERPRETED BY SOME WITHIN THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS PANAMANIAN CONDONING OF
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TERRORISM.

-- WE KNOW THAT PANAMA SHARES OUR BELIEF THAT INTER-
NATIONAL COOPERATION TO COMBAT TERRORISM IS ESSENTIAL
AND WOULD JOIN US IN PURSUING ALL AVENUES TO STRENGTHEN
SUCH COOPERATION.

-- WE WANT TO CONVEY OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT THE GOP WOULD NOT TAKE STEPS WHICH MIGHT APPEAR TO CONDONE TERRORISM, AND WE ARE SURE THAT THE GOP WOULD NOT PERMIT ITS TERRITORY TO BE USED TO MOUNT TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST ANOTHER COUNTRY, NOR PERMIT SANDINISTAS OR OTHERS WHO

MAY BE IN PANAMANIAN JURISDICTION TO PROMOTE VIOLENT ACTS AGAINST ANOTHER COUNTRY.

2. (FYI: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF THIS ISSUE WARRANTS A PROTEST AS AN ISSUE IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, BUT WE DO FEEL COMPELLED TO MAKE A POINT OF STATING OUR CONCERN.) CHRISTOPHER

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